

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 2 with the following rewritten paragraph:

The government owns rights in the invention pursuant to U.S. Department of Agriculture Grant No. 96-35304-3491, National Science Foundation Grant No. 9872641 and Grant No. DOEDE-FG05-92OR22072 from the Consortium for Plant Biotechnology. This application is a divisional application of Application Serial No. 09/888,220, filed on June 22, 2001. This application claims the priority of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/228,793, filed June 23, 2000, the disclosure of which is specifically incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.